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ature; light north to east winds.

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SENATORS OBJECT TO CORONATION EMBASSY

Fight Against Granting of Funds for the Mis-
sion Started by Mr. Bailey.

THE AMENDMENT DEFEATED BY PARTY VOTE

Mr. Bailey and other Democrats today in the Senate made speeches against the special embassy to the coronation of King Edward VII. Several days ago Mr. Bailey gave notice of an amendment to the army appropriation bill providing that no money appropriated by it or by any former army appropriation bill should be used in paying the expenses of any special ambassador to the coronation of any hereditary king, prince, or potentate.

When the bill came up in the Senate today Mr. Bailey immediately suggested his amendment and proceeded to discuss the subject of the special embassy. His objections to the embassy were many.

Prerogatives of Peoples.

"Mr. President," he said, "I do not object to any people having any form of government that they choose, much as it may seem to me that the republican form of government is the only proper one, but it does not seem to me that the greatest Republic in the world should thus especially recognize the monarchical form of government when no monarchy has ever recognized the Republic in a similar way by sending a special embassy to the inauguration of a President."

Rights of the President.

Mr. Bailey also stated that he was strongly opposed to the assumption by the President of the right to appoint an

ambassador without the consent of the Senate. He said that the Constitution provides that all ambassadors shall be chosen by the President by and with the consent of the Senate. Mr. Bailey argued further that the method taken by the Administration in not calling on Congress for a special appropriation was surreptitious.

Mr. Lodge replied briefly by saying that there were many precedents for the appointment by the President of special representatives for this Government abroad without the consent of the Senate.

Function of the Ambassador.

Mr. Money had a few remarks to make regarding what he considered the inappropriateness of the office of ambassador in this country.

"Our ambassador," he said, "is understood to be the personal representative of a monarch. We never had ambassadors in this country until the imperialistic ideas began to take root."

Mr. Hear interrupted the speaker to say that the first ambassadors appointed in this country were under a Democratic Administration.

Mr. Money answered that even then the imperialistic idea had begun to grow.

Mr. Bailey's amendment was defeated by a strict party vote.

SENATOR MCLAURIN VISITS WHITE HOUSE

Thought to Have Explained
Row With Mr. Gates.

STORY OF THE DIFFICULTY

President Roosevelt's Name Said to Have
Figured in the Affair—South Carolina
Statesman in Order to Avoid Trouble
Leaves the Hotel.

Senator John L. McLauren of South Carolina, who figured in a fist fight with A. A. Gates, of Greenville, S. C., in the Raleigh Hotel last evening, called on President Roosevelt at the White House today. Senator McLauren, on taking his departure from the White House said there was nothing in his visit which he desired published, but it is not unlikely that he gave the President an account of the trouble and the causes leading up to it.

From his statement regarding the encounter, it appears that the difficulty was partly precipitated by remarks derogatory to President Roosevelt, alleged to have been made by Mr. Gates.

Story of the Encounter.

Senator McLauren said he had dined at the Raleigh with Mr. Loomis Blaylock. Mr. Gates was at a table near by, and, according to Senator McLauren, made offensive remarks regarding certain appointments President Roosevelt had made in South Carolina.

Among the number referred to was that of Mr. George R. Koester, as collector of internal revenue, whose nomination is held up in the Senate. These remarks angered Senator McLauren, and trouble seemed imminent. To avoid it Senator McLauren left the dining room. He was followed by Gates, who, however, made no demonstration loud enough to attract attention. Opposite the news stand they had further words, and angered almost beyond control. Senator McLauren said that he struck at Mr. Gates and started to follow up the attack when interference was made. This brought an end to the trouble with the exception of the frantic cries of rage on the part of Gates.

McLauren Left the Hotel.

Mr. McLauren, anxious to avoid any further trouble, left the hotel. Mr. Gates and Mr. Koester, who was appointed at the instance of Senator McLauren, have been on bad terms for some time, due, it is said, to certain things Gates has said concerning McLauren.

BOERS WILL AGREE TO BRITISH PEACE TERMS

Dispatch Says May 20 Is Date
Set for Proclamation.

LISBON, May 10.—A dispatch received here from Lourenco Marques today says the Boers are certain to agree to the British terms of peace, and that a proclamation to this effect has been set for May 20.

Rejoicings, the dispatch adds, are being arranged for at Delagoa Bay.

TWO POLICEMEN FINED.

One Convicted of Intoxication and the
Other of Neglect of Duty.

The District Commissioners today acted upon the trial papers of two police officers charged with violations of the regulations, in each instance approving the recommendation of the Superintendent of Police.

In the case of Private L. E. Wright, four-guilty of intoxication, a fine of \$15 has been imposed and the officer warned that if guilty of intoxication again while on duty he will be dismissed.

Private H. W. Gover, charged with gross neglect of duty was found guilty except as to the word "gross." He will be fined \$10.

SECRETARY HITCHCOCK SCORED BY MR. BAILEY

Texas Senator Says Cabinet
Officer Is Not Well Posted.

In the Senate this morning a bill was passed under a suspension of the rules providing for the sale of sites in Indian Territory for manufacturing purposes, but not before Mr. Bailey of Texas had taken occasion to pay his respects to Secretary Hitchcock of the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Bailey said he regretted very much that no provision could be made for taking the matter out of the care of the Secretary of the Interior, "for," declared he, "if there is one man in the United States who knows less than another about affairs in that Territory, that man is the Secretary of the Interior."

THE TELEGRAPHIC CHESS CONTEST IN PROGRESS

Team Match Between Wash-
ington and Brooklyn Clubs.

The first telegraphic team match between the Washington Chess Club and the crack Brooklyn Chess Club was begun this afternoon, the rooms of the two clubs being connected by special wires over the lines of the Western Union Telegraph Company for the purpose.

The Washington men are located at their club rooms, 514 Twelfth Street northwest, where Mr. James Patterson is present as the representative of the Brooklyn Club. The wires were opened at 12:30 o'clock for the pairing of players with the following result, the first named club being Washington and the second Brooklyn.

1. Lounsbury vs. Howell.
2. Fox vs. Helms.
3. Walker vs. Devisser.
4. Hanna vs. Zirn.
5. Smith vs. Blackmar.
6. Guthrie vs. Curt.
7. Thomas vs. Elwell.
8. Hill vs. Lawrence.
9. Williams vs. Robinson.
10. Douglas vs. Bixby.
11. Knight vs. Taber.
12. Ray vs. Grosser.

The playing was begun at 1 o'clock and is expected to continue until midnight. The time limit is twenty moves to the hour. The Brooklyn Club is one of the oldest and strongest organizations in the country and has for years conducted the international cable contests for the Newnes Cup.

The Washington Club has had but little out of town experience and is testing its strength for the first time in a great match. In correspondence with the Brooklyn Club they won one game and fought the other to a draw. They have also won several mat games with the Baltimore Club, but beyond this their abilities have not been tested. Great interest is being evidenced in the game now in progress.

BUSINESS MEN'S VIEWS ON PERSONAL TAX BILL

Messrs. Dyrenforth and Bulkley Leave
Memorandum With Committee.

Messrs. Mitchell Dyrenforth and Barry Bulkley, of the Business Men's Association, had an interview today with Chairman Allison, of the Senate Appropriations Committee, regarding the personal tax question for the District.

They asked Mr. Allison to allow them to be heard for the association before the Appropriations Committee in the near future. It is understood that they will make an argument in favor of a substitute personal tax measure, differing from both the House bill and the Senate proposition. The Business Men's Association is opposed to the revival of the old law proposed by the House, and in some particulars they do not believe in the Senate bill. Messrs. Dyrenforth and Bulkley left with Senator Allison a memorandum of their ideas on the matter.

Pope Receives ex-Queen.

ROME, May 10.—The Pope today received ex-Queen Natalia of Serbia, who recently joined the Roman Catholic Church, with royal honors. The interview, which was an affecting one, lasted forty minutes.

COAL MINING CEASES IN ANTHRACITE BELT

Not a Blast Exploded in Any
Pennsylvania Mine Today.

WILL OBEY THE STRIKE ORDER

Workers Cleaning Up and Arranging for
Long Absence From Work in Expecta-
tion of Action by Hazleton Convention
Wednesday—Holiday for Foreigners.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 10.—No coal is being blasted in the mines throughout the anthracite region today. The mine workers, in accordance with the order to strike, went into the mines this morning merely to clean up what coal was already awaiting the cars, to arrange the working places for a long absence, and then brought out their tools and quit work.

Few of the mines expected to work more than half a day, because with no coal being mined underground the forces were greatly reduced. The young men and foreigners take the order as the beginning of a big holiday, but the older men who have gone through other strikes and know what they mean, view the matter seriously. While obeying the order, they would be better pleased if peace came instead.

Will Declare for Strike.

Both operators and men believe the Hazleton convention next Wednesday will declare for a strike by a vote of 2 to 1.

SCRANTON, Pa., May 10.—Today the order of the executive committee of the United Mine Workers, made last night through President Mitchell and the district officers, to suspend work at all anthracite mines on Monday and to continue until the Hazleton convention next Wednesday may decide the question finally, is regarded as an actual strike condition which simply smooths the way for the delegates to act.

Business conditions today seem relieved that the suspense and worryment of the weeks of doubt are now removed.

Order Will Be Obeyed.

That the order to suspend work Monday will be obeyed by the mine workers is already an assured fact, for so eager are the men in this region to follow their leaders that this morning found a number of mines so handicapped by workmen staying away that they closed down for the day.

Mine workers are not so poorly provided for in funds as has been reported. Among the leaders from districts 7 and 9 there is a positive demand today of the reports that those sections were against a strike order.

Committee in Session.

This morning the executive committee went into session at 9 o'clock for a short time. President Mitchell would not state the object of this gathering, but it is believed the work was to arrange for next week's Hazleton convention.

President Campers of the American Federation of Labor stated this morning that as an affiliated body of the Federation of Labor the miners will receive the unequalled support of that organization in case a strike is called.

REFUSES TO CERTIFY CLAIM TO CONGRESS

Comptroller Tracewell Lacks
Jurisdiction.

Mr. Robert J. Tracewell, Comptroller of the Treasury, today rendered a decision on the claim of John V. Wright, a member of the Thirty-fourth Congress (1855-57), who appealed from the action of the auditor for the State and other departments in disallowing Mr. Wright's claim for \$351.60, alleged to be due him for mileage as a member of that Congress.

The Comptroller holds that the auditor was without jurisdiction to pass upon the merits of the claim, and that his office, likewise, cannot file an opinion. The action of the auditor is therefore annulled and the claim dismissed without prejudice. Mr. Wright admitted that he was disloyal to the Union in the Civil War, but wanted the correctness of the claim certified to Congress for special legislation. Mr. Tracewell determined his authority did not extend to making a recommendation for action by Congress.

MRS. SAMPSON BETTER: HER PHYSICIAN HOPEFUL

Widow of the Late Rear Admiral Shows
a Slight Improvement.

Mrs. William T. Sampson, who has been ill with the lung disease since Monday and was unable to attend the funeral of the late admiral yesterday, is reported to be slightly better today.

Mrs. Sampson is recovering from the shock of her husband's death, and her physician expects that in the course of three or four days she will have regained her normal degree of health.

SCHLEY IS SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE COLD

The Admiral Leaves to Attend Veteran
Celebration in New York, However.

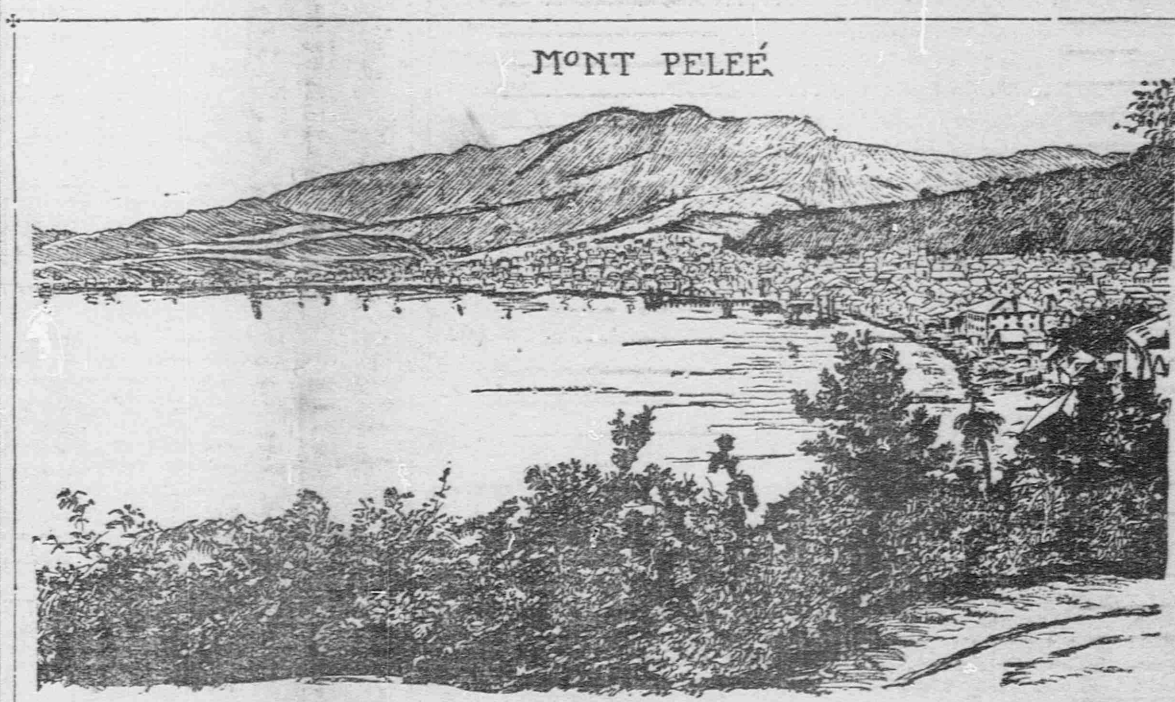
Rear Admiral Schley, suffering from a severe cold, went to New York at 10 o'clock this morning to attend the annual demonstration of the Spanish war veterans, to be held in that city this evening. He will pay a visit to his daughter while away, and will return to Washington tomorrow night.

Admiral Schley was confined to his bed yesterday. He contracted a heavy cold while at Memphis, and still experiences the bad effects of that trip. The invitation to attend the Spanish war veteran meeting was accepted some time ago. Admiral Schley feared last night that he would be unable to attend, but was able to fill the appointment this morning.

CHINESE REBELS BOMBARD TOWN.

HONGKONG, May 10.—A letter received here yesterday states that the rebels bombarded Nan Ning-Pu, Kwang-Si province, for three hours on April 27, using modern guns. Between 300 and 400 persons were killed.

ST. PIERRE A CITY OF THE DEAD; BURIED WITHIN A FIERY TOMB



THE HARBOR AND CITY OF ST. PIERRE, ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE.

(From a photograph taken in July, 1898.)

La Pelee Mountain stands out prominently in range back of the city. Huge as it looks from St. Pierre, the eye underestimates its bulk. This is due to the singular slope of its contours and the remarkable breadth of its base, occupying nearly all of the northern end of the island.

The volcano is not very remarkable in

point of altitude, being between 4,400 and 4,500 feet, but in bulk it is immense. Nearly thirty rivers find birth in its flanks. It is the ruler of the meteorologic life of the island—cloud-herder, lightning-forger, and rain-maker.

It has been a question of years whether the volcano was dead. Forty years ago it rained ashes on the roofs of St. Pierre;

within twenty years it has uttered ominous mutterings; but for the moment it appeared to sleep, and the clouds dripped into its highest crater until it became a lake several hundred yards in circumference. This crater, called "The Pool," has not before been active in human memory. There are other craters, notably La Soufriere, which is now reported as raining ashes.

SENATE VOTES AID, BUT HOUSE OBJECTS

Former Passes Appropriation
for Volcano Sufferers.

OTHER BODY DELAYS ACTION

Mr. Underwood Interposes Lack of Official Information and Mr. Shackelford Says France Is Sufficiently Able to Care for Its Own People.

Under a suspension of the rules the Senate today passed a bill, introduced by Mr. Fairbanks of Indiana, providing for the relief of the citizens of the French West Indies, by authorizing the President to purchase provisions, clothing, medicines, and other necessities and tender them in the name of the Government of the United States to the French government for the relief of her terribly afflicted people; authorizing the Secretary of War to use such vessels as are necessary for the quick transportation of the same, and appropriating \$100,000 for that purpose.

Mr. Fairbanks spoke briefly, but deeply

FACTS AT A GLANCE OF THE DISASTER AT ST. PIERRE

Reports of the calamity at St. Pierre, Island of Martinique, are incomplete, but there are enough reliable data at hand to stamp it as one of the most terrible catastrophes in the world's history. Following are some important facts:

Volcanic action began.....	May 3, 1902
Explosion and disaster.....	May 8, 1902
Loss of life (estimated).....	40,000
Population of Martinique.....	165,000
Population of St. Pierre.....	25,400
Vessels lost.....	18

and eloquently, upon the disaster and the imperative need of aid.

Objection in the House.

When the resolution came over to the House Mr. Payne of New York asked for its immediate consideration.

Mr. Underwood of Alabama objected, on the ground that there had been no official report of the catastrophe and that nothing was known of it except from meager press accounts, and that there had been no request for aid. He characterized such action as a legislative spasmodic, throwing away \$100,000 without any sort of an in-

vestigation. The President, he said, had not urged it.

Outside Aid Unnecessary.

Mr. Shackelford of Missouri asked if the people were not French subjects and if France was not able to care for her own sufferers.

Mr. Payne replied that doubtless she was able, but the appropriation, he thought, would be a gracious act to the people of a sister Republic, who had been grievously stricken.

Under Mr. Underwood's objection the bill went over and must go to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS UNFAVORABLY ON GATHMANN GUNS

Finding of the Joint Board of
the Army and Navy.

No Further Tests of the Great Weapon
Likely to Be Made by This
Government.

The War Department has received the final report of the joint board of army and navy officers recommended recently for the purpose of considering objections filed by the Gathmann gun people to their former report against the adoption of the gun by the army or navy.

The board, in its most recent report, adheres to its former opinion, and states in detail why, in its opinion, the gun is not worthy of purchase by the service. In view of this finding by the board it is not probable that any further tests of the Gathmann gun will be made.

PRESIDENT TO MAKE TWO HURRIED TRIPS

New York and Annapolis the Objective
Points in These Instances.

President Roosevelt will go to New York to attend the meeting in Carnegie Hall of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions on May 20. He will deliver an address. For May 23 President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to go to Annapolis to dine aboard the Gaultois, the French battleship which will bring the distinguished visitors from that country to attend the ceremony at the unveiling of the Rochambeau statue in Lafayette Park.

FUNERAL OF MR. MANGUM.

Obsequies to Be Conducted by Lafayette Post, G. A. R.

The funeral of John H. S. Mangum will take place Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his sister, 322 Missouri Avenue northwest. The interment will be made at Arlington, and the services will be conducted by Lafayette Post, G. A. R., of which the deceased was a member.

Mr. Mangum, who was in his fifty-ninth year, was a veteran of the civil war. He had been in poor health for over a year, but it was not until a week ago that he was taken to his bed and died yesterday evening at 2:30 o'clock.

GOVERNMENT BILL AGAINST BEEF TRUST

Official Complaint to Be Filed
Today at Chicago.

Attorney General Asks an Order to Pre-
vent Further Operation of the
Combine.

The Government's bill of complaint against the packers' combine, commonly known as the beef trust, will be filed at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of Illinois at Chicago.

The document was prepared by United States Attorney S. H. Betha, of Chicago, and Special Counsel William A. Day, of the Department of Justice here. Attorney General Knox made some changes in it, and then submitted it to the President, who expressed his hearty approval of it, both as to substance and form. It was then given to the Public Printer and copies were sent yesterday to Chicago, with instructions that they be filed with the circuit clerk at 5 p. m. today. This is after the usual hour of adjournment of the court on Saturday, but arrangements have been effected with the clerk to keep his office open until Mr. Betha appears with the legal paper.

The bill is based on the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law. It charges that the packers are maintaining a combination, agreement, or trust in restraint of trade and commerce among the States; that they are parties to an agreement, which, in effect, provides for the absolute control of the beef trade in the United States by arbitrarily raising or lowering the price of beef.

It is set forth that the maintenance of such a combination not only is a form of trust prohibited by the statute, creating a monopoly and stifling competition, but that it works a great hardship upon the public. The charge is also made that the packers are maintaining a blacklist, under which they compel retailers to submit to their arbitrary rulings or force them out of trade. It is understood that the bill mentions a number of specific violations of the Sherman law.

The petition prays for an injunction against the further operation of the combine, its effective dissolution, and measures to prevent the members thereof from agreeing, combining, or colluding in the future to maintain rules or agreements as to the price of beef which would in any way cause restraint of trade and commerce among the States.

Immediate hearing will be asked for in order that goods in transit sent out by members of the combine shall come under the operation of the injunction.

BILL TO EXTEND LINE ON ELEVENTH STREET

Citizens Urge Favorable Re-
port by House Committee.

Arguments Heard, But No Action Taken.
The Route Contemplated in the
Measure.

Messrs. Leo Simmons, Eugene G. Jeffers, and several others were before the House District Committee this morning and urged a favorable consideration of the bill requiring the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company to extend its Eleventh Street line.

The bill requires the road to extend its tracks along the following route:

Beginning at the northern terminus of its Eleventh Street line at Florida Avenue north, by double track, along Eleventh Street to Lydecker Avenue; thence easterly, by single track, along Lydecker Avenue to Morgan Street; thence northerly along Morgan Street to Lamar Place; thence west along Lamar Place to Eslin Street; thence south along Eslin Street to Lydecker Avenue, connecting at that point with the tracks herein authorized.

The road must have the extension completed and cars in operation within two years. The committee adjourned without taking any action on the bill.

MRS. SOFFEL ESCAPES WITH LIGHT SENTENCE

Woman Who Aided Biddle Boys Gets
Two Years.

PITTSBURGH, May 10.—Mrs. Soffel, the warden's wife who made it possible for the Biddle boys to escape from the Allegheny county jail in this city, was taken into court this morning and sentenced to a term of two years in the Western penitentiary.

Shortly afterward Walter Dorman, a member of the Biddle gang, and who was convicted on the charge of murdering Groceryman Kahney, was sentenced to be hanged. It is understood, however, that for confessing to the crime and giving evidence against the Biddle boys, Dorman will save his neck, and that the district attorney will not protest when his attorneys apply to the pardon board for a life sentence.

Mont Pelee Burst Asunder
and Poured Forth
a Molten Mass.

FORTY THOUSAND PERSONS PERISH

No Chance for Escape
From the Ill-fated
District.

SURVIVORS ALL FROM SHIPS

Believed Now That Not a Single Inhabitant
of City Escaped From Rain of
Rocks, Lava, and Ashes—Disturbances
in Other Quarters.

LONDON, May 10.—A Central News dispatch from St. Lucia says that the situation at Martinique is worse than ever. Other mountains are bursting forth in eruptions.

PARIS, May 10.—The ministry of marine today received a dispatch from the commander of the French gunboat Suchet, which did such able rescue work after the eruption of the volcano at St. Pierre. The dispatch is dated Point-a-Pietre, and is timed 2 o'clock this morning. The dispatch reads:

Whirlwind of Fire.

"Regarding the events of yesterday (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the morning, the volcano threw up a mass of smoke and earth.

"A whirlwind of fire immediately followed. Instantly the whole town was in flames. The ships in the roadstead were dismasted and burned. The shower of rocks lasted fifteen minutes.

"I arrived at St. Pierre at 2 o'clock this afternoon and saved a few persons from the ships. I saw no living creature in the town, which it is impossible to penetrate. There were numerous corpses near the quay."

Lava Thrown for Miles.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., May 10.—Fragments of the story of the overwhelming of St. Pierre are sifting in slowly from the many little islands adjacent to Martinique. All tend to confirm the belief that the inhabitants of St. Pierre and several adjoining villages, to the number of 40,000 or more, perished miserably.

The few survivors on the British steamer Roddam, and the French warship Suchet agree that the mass of burning lava was thrown for a distance of many miles from Mont Pelee with awful suddenness, and that few could have escaped.

They who were on the sea had a narrow escape. Their comrades all about them were buried under burning lava and killed. The Roddam, which ran out to sea, was literally covered with the burning masses. Latest advices say that St. Pierre and

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HOUSE URGED TO PASS THE SKYSCRAPER BILL

Measure Approved by the Dis-
trict Committee.

Churches to Be Excepted—Section Re-
quiring Fireproof Work in Houses of
Worship Thought a Hardship.

The House District Committee this morning held a very brief session. Only one bill was considered. Representative Cowherd was directed to report favorably to the House the bill to amend an act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia.

The report which was presented to the House says: "Section 3 of the act approved March 1, 1889, provides that churches must be of fireproof construction up to and including the main auditorium floor. This is a hardship upon the small congregations desirous of building churches in the District beyond the city limits, and adds a material and unnecessary increase to the cost of their construction."

"The Commissioners report they have no objection to the passage of the bill, though they would prefer the enactment of a general measure regulating the height and construction of buildings in the District. However, as the general measure has met with some opposition, and as several small churches are awaiting the relief provided in the bill the committee has decided to report it as a separate measure."

Monday next will be District day in the House, and the bill will be called up for consideration. Chairman Babcock will return from Atlantic City tomorrow, and if it is strong enough he will take charge of the District measures that will come up on Monday. The most important measure to be considered is the gas consolidation bill.

QUEEN WILHELMINA CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

THE HAGUE, May 10.—The bulletin issued from Castle Loo this morning says: "The Queen had a particularly good night. There was no return of the fever. All continues as well as could be desired."

CARDINAL MARTINELLI SAILS FOR EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 10.—Cardinal Martinelli and several well-known Catholic dignitaries sailed on the North German Lloyd steamship Lahn this morning from Brooklyn for Genoa, en route to Rome.